

**Council on Greenways & Trails
Grass Dale Center
Fort Delaware State Park
October 29, 2008
9:30am**

Welcome & Introductions

Paul Morrill, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:40a.m. Paul asked everyone to introduce themselves and identify their agency's representation.

August 27, 2008 Minutes

Paul Morrill asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Jamie Brown moved and Charles Emerson seconded to approve minutes as written, motion passed.

Reports

Education & Outreach

Diane Wilson reported that Coast Day, October 5, was one of the best they have had. The weather was great which in turn brought out large crowds. All brochures were handed out. Thanks to all volunteers Jennifer Baldwin, Anthony Aglio, Gail and Eric Van Gilder, Diane Wilson and Susan Moerschel.

Bike Council

Jennifer Baldwin reported that Bike Council met at the beginning of September. The next meeting is in December and will focus on plans for the Bike summit. It is hoped the summit will result in Delaware bicycle activists finding ways to promote cycling to communities as a healthier means of transport, to determine where bicycling in Delaware is headed and to network. The date of the summit has been tentatively set for April 24, 2009. Andy Clarke, Chairman for the League of American Bicyclists is invited to speak. Governor-elect Markell, an avid cyclist, will be invited.

Grant Review

Lisa Lasher, Council Member and Bob Ehemann lead the presentation of 2008 Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund Greenway & Trail Grant Recommendations. Lisa Lasher reported that the Grant Review Committee met last Friday, October 24th to review six projects. She invited Council members to attend and participate in future meetings.

Bob Ehemann presented a PowerPoint on grant requests. Following are the projects reviewed:

1. Bridgeville: \$10,000 to plan & design a trail for a small park along Assawoman Canal - Committee recommended funding.

2. Ocean View: \$20,000 to build recreational trail - Committee recommended funding.
3. Delaware City: \$250,000 - Canal Promenade, Phase IV - Committee recommended funding.
4. New Castle County: \$500,000 - Industrial Greenway Trail is an important link between NCC & Wilmington - Committee recommended funding \$150,000.
5. City of Wilmington: \$70,000 – Brandywine Greenway East – Phase II - Committee recommended funding, pending demonstration of eligibility and matching funds.
6. Kent County: Kesselring Farm Acquisition - \$250,000 for 2008 and \$250,000 for 2009 and 2010 for a grand total of \$750,000. Funds requested to help protect riparian corridor. Kent County pledges not to make any requests for the next three years. DTF has never pledged future commitments before but agreed funding in order to protect the land.

After discussions, Paul Morrill asked for a motion to accept the projects as presented. Diane Wilson made a motion and Malcolm Baird seconded. Charlie Emerson and Paul Morrill went on record as abstaining from voting. Motion passed.

Paul thanked the Grant Review Committee, Lisa Lasher, Anthony Aglio, Jennifer Baldwin, Bob Ehemann, and Gail Van Gilder for a job well done.

Updates

East Coast Greenway Route

Jennifer Baldwin reported that DelDOT Traffic Section is reviewing the Route for possible signing. Traffic's review concluded that the chosen route traveled through several of the most dangerous intersections in New Castle County. This prompted a change in the route that was agreed to by the Delaware Committee for the East Coast Greenway. The route will be signed; a sample of the sign was shown. Council asked if it was possible to add a pedestrian feature along with the cyclist. Jennifer said she would talk with DelDOT's sign shop. DelDOT wanted to be proactive and have their signs out as quickly as possible.

East Coast Greenway map/guide

Susan Moerschel introduced the new East Coast Greenway Trail guide that will include the DE and Pennsylvania portions of the trail. The entire trail goes from Maine to Florida. The route includes portions of the Northern DE Greenway Trail into the City of Wilmington; Christina Riverwalk, Wilmington; New Castle Riverfront Trail, New Castle; and the James F. Hall Trail, Newark. The map and guide are expected to be released in early 2009. For more information and to see the signs on website: <http://www.greenway.org/>

Presentations

Pomeroy Rail Trail

Charlie Emerson, Council Member and Director, Newark Park & Recreation Department brought conceptual boards to display the Pomeroy Rail Trail project. The Pomeroy Rail-Trail will connect from the James Hall Trail north through Delaware Avenue and a transit center; Main Street; and north to the University of Delaware Laird Campus; and White Clay Creek State Park. Project will be bid in 2009 and complete in 2010. To view map, go to: <http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/DocumentView.asp?DID=216>

For a slide show of the Pomeroy Trail, go to:

http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/DocumentView.asp?DID=772&bcsi_scan_466F0C48B84B72D2=KewuFQq/X6/rJ9U+wG5kgwAAAyTQMz&bcsi_scan_filename=DocumentView.asp

Trail Overview

David Bartoo gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed trail system for Lums Pond State Park. He stressed the planning process that is based on the science of natural and cultural resource protection and building sustainable trails. He said five global concepts are used to design and build trails: (1) human impact; (2) environmental conditions; (3) social sustainability; (4) economic sustainability; and (5) environmental sustainability. These concepts fit together with the environmental component to build a trail.

Announcements

2009 Meetings & Events - Susan Moerschel said the next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, venue to be announced.

Ms. Moerschel and Mr. Morrill presented Mr. Malcolm Baird a farewell plaque signed by Governor Ruth Anne Minner to thank him for his years of service to the Council on Greenways & Trails.

Adjourn

Paul Morrill asked for a motion to adjourn. Lisa Lasher made a motion and Diane Wilson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

Meeting Attendance:

Appointed Members

Malcolm Baird
Charles Emerson
Lisa Lasher
Paul Morrill
Jamie Brown
Gail VanGilder
Diane Wilson

Agency Members

Jennifer Baldwin, Planning, DelDOT

Guests

James Ireland
Kate Layton, Kent County MPO
Mary Everhart, DE Equine Council
Paula Bartoo, DE Equine Council
Peggy Koster, DE Equine Council

Division of Parks and Recreation Staff

Susan Moerschel
Bob Ehemann
David Bartoo
Kendall Sommers
Rose Ryödi